

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 26

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Cadet Christopher James and Cadet David Brown upon receiving the Eaker Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as civic leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, two such noteworthy citizens are Cadet Christopher James and Cadet David Brown, who, as members of the Humphreys County Civil Air Patrol, Composite Squadron 41171, recently earned distinctive individual recognition for their exemplary dedication and performance, as they received the esteemed Eaker Award, which indicates attainment of the second highest level in the Civil Air Patrol; and

WHEREAS, the official Auxiliary of the United States Air Force, the Civil Air Patrol, was chartered by Congress in the 1940s and now consists of over 500,000 adults and teenagers who train as search and rescue teams and explore the world of aerospace education; members also are active in community service and attend Civil Air Patrol camps and activities throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the exalted Eaker Award is named for Air Force General Ira C. Eaker, an aviation pioneer, career military officer and one of the chief architects and visionaries of the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award is only presented to the top two per cent of all cadets; a mere 200 cadets per year exhibit the requisite fortitude, determination, perseverance and ability to attain this astonishing level of success; and

WHEREAS, the Eaker Award is accompanied by a promotion to the grade of Cadet/Lieutenant Colonel and results in further prospects of college and flight scholarships, leadership roles and international travel; and

WHEREAS, Cadet Christopher James and Cadet David Brown epitomize the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Cadet Christopher James and Cadet David Brown for their dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens as members of the Civil Air Patrol; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Cadet Christopher James and Cadet David Brown on receiving the prestigious Eaker Award and wish them bountiful success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.